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Part B. for June 1913

SUBJECT

Lack of Sanitary arrangements on the occasion of the car festival at Thirumale, in the Magadi Taluk.

From the Sanitary Comnr. no 4401 A/6-5-13. forwards information copy of letter from the Dt. medical & Sanitary Officer, Bangalore, bringing to notice the lack of Sanitary arrangements on the occasion of the car festival at Thirumale in the Magadi Taluk; and suggests the issue of an order directing the Revenue authorities to take proper precautions in consultation with the medical officer before the holding of such fairs.

To the Sanitary Comnr. & the Dy Comnrs of Dts. no 9642-50 A/7-6-13. Forwards copy of Sl no 1. with a request that when applying to Govt for sanction to hold Special fairs, Cattle shows & exhibitions, a brief report may invariably be submitted as to the Sanitary arrangements proposed to be made on the occasion.

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FILE HEADING.

Sanitary arrangements on the occasion of jain festivals

From

The Sanitary Commissioner

No. 4401 Dated 6.5.13 Received 8.5.13

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Forwards for information copy of letter from the District Medical Sanitary officer, Bangalore District bringing to notice the lack of Sanitary arrangements on the occasion of the recent Car festival at Jnanadirtha and suggests the issue of an order directing the Revenue authorities to take proper precautions in consultation with the local Medical officer before the holding of such jatras.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

It is a question whether the issue of a Circular order is necessary in as much as it seems incumbent on the local authorities to make necessary Sanitary arrangements in connection with the holding of jatras festivals. If approved copy of letter No 157 dated the 26

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April 1913 from the District Medical & Sanitary Officer, Bangalore District, to the Sanitary Commr with be forwarded to the President of the Municipal & District Boards, Bangalore District for remarks, if any, in the matter.

Submitted for orders.

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2. The Sanitary Commr's letter & its enclosure may be Communicated to Dy Commrs, Presidents of Municipalities & District Boards with the remark that when seeking Govt sanction to hold jatras, Cattle Shows & exhibitions, a brief report as to the Sanitary arrangements proposed to be adopted on the occasion ~~may~~ invariably should ~~also~~ be stated for the information of Govt.

Dy Commr) 15/5/13

3 Yes. A Govt order may be issued

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4 Put up draft. 20/5/13

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Office of the Sanitary Commissioner
with the Government of Mysore,

Bangalore dated the 6th May 1913.

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From
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No. 118-12
SERIAL No. 1

P.S. Achyuta Rao Esq.,
Sanitary Commissioner with
the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

To

K.R. Srinivasa Iyengar Esq., M.A.,
Secretary to the Government of His
Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
General & Revenue Departments,
B a n g a l o r e .

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith for the information of Government copy of letter No. 257 dated the 26th Ultimo from the District Medical and Sanitary Officer, Bangalore District bringing to notice the lack of sanitary arrangements on the occasion of the recent car festival at Thirumale in the Magadi Taluk.

2. I beg to state that on occasions of the kind it would be useful to insist by means of a standing order, upon the Revenue authorities taking proper precautions in consultation with the local Medical Officer before permitting the holding of such jatras where a large concourse of people is expected.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

P.S. Achyuta Rao

Sanitary Commissioner.

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From

The Secy. Commissioner
in Mysore.

To

The Secy. to Govt.
Gen. Admn. Dept.

Dated 6th May 1913.

Despatched

Received

General No. 4401
No.

Enclosure No. one

Sir,

I have the honour to request that a standing order be passed for the guidance of Municipal authorities in the Sanitary arrangements connected with fairs and festivals.

I have &c.

GPB—5,76,000—6-4-12

Letter No. 257 dated the 26th April 1913 from the District. Medl. & Sany. Officer, Bangalore Dist. to the Sanitary Commissioner in Mysore.

I have the honor to make the following reports in regard to the ~~following~~ celebration of the Sri Ranganatha-swami car festival at Tirumale a suberb of Magadi included within the Municipal limit of the latter.

The festival was arranged to last from 18th to 22nd Instant and in connection with it, a cattle show and an industrial Exhibition were organised. Knowing that under the threefold purpose a large gathering of people would take place, the Deputy Commissioner desired me that I should go over and deliver some lectures on Health and Sanitation to the benefit of the people assembling there. Accordingly I went there, but to my disappointment I found that hardly any arrangement was made by the local authority, to the comfort and safety of the people.

The most important consideration on such an occasion was the water ~~for~~ supply for both men and cattle of which over 1000 had collected both for show and sale. As an old temple - many devotees attached to it had built a number of wells and kalyanis in former days; - but from neglect and stagnation of the water thereof not one of them was in an usable condition; still the people in their helplessness, began to use the water of some of these wells both for drinking and cooking purposes. The water in these wells had been covered with algae and diatoms - and full of animalcula and a few of these wells were further polluted by bathing and washing by hundreds of people - both men and women. What struck me most was the absolute impurity with which the use of a most abominable

abominable well locally going by the name of karnick, for panakam and samaradanes. On the very day after my arrival, I advised the Amildar in writing that the use of this well for drinking and cooking purposes should be prohibited, but no action was taken to give effect to my advice, as I found people using the water even after that and on the 3rd day - that is on the 19th Instant, I could no longer bear to see the people using such a dirty and filthy water in the name of charity and religion - to the detriment of the health of the people, who readily rushed to drink or eat whatever was offered by the [illegible] organisers of Araventige and Samaradanes; and I wrote again to the Amildar to stop people using the particular well water - but whether he posted any man over the well or not, I did not know, as I received no reply to my two communications to him.

The Government having given a Sub Assistant Surgeon and a Sanitary Inspector for the Taluk, the local officer should have enlisted the co-operation of the former, and utilised the professional knowledge of the latter, on an occasion where so many lives were at stake - because of the prevalence of Cholera at Kunigal not far from Magadi and some villages of Channapatna and Closepet, whence people were coming in large numbers.

On an occasion of the kind the chief requirements which a sanitarian has to look to are:-

(1) Water supply - source, protection and its distribution both for men and cattle.

(2) Conservancy arrangement.

(a) Provision of public latrines - its removal and disposal.

(b) Street conservancy - collection of rubbish and disposal.

(3) Lighting.

(4) Arrangement of shops.

(5) Selection of places for rendezvousing carts and cattle.

(6) Providing some kind of shelter for the people assembling there.

(7) Medical aid in the locality.

These are arrangements that should have been attended to some days before; and if the officials responsible for looking into these matters and were entrusted with their respective duties, the Sanitary Department would have justified its existence. If it is not given a chance to show its usefulness, or the advices of its responsible officers are not attended, it is very desirable that the object of the Sanitary Department must be brought well home to the revenue authorities.

In conclusion, I request that the Government be kindly addressed in the matter, to pass some proceedings in re- management of ~~fares~~ fairs and festivals in the light of modern sanitary reforms for their guidance and to the justification of the existence of the Sanitary Department.

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J. J. Anthopoulos

Sanitary Commissioner.

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Date of issue 7.6.13.

Signed by Mr JGR

READ—

Letter No 6401 dated the 6th May 1913, from the Sanitary Commissioner forwarding a copy of letter No. 257 dated the 26th April 1913, from the District Medical & Sanitary Officer, Bangalore District, bringing to note the want of proper sanitary arrangements on the occasion of car festivals at Tirumale in the Bangalore District

~~ORDER THEREON.—No.~~

over

SUBJECT.

GPB—10,000—19-4-10

Commission, 342-50 Sanity 18-12-13. 97-6-13.

The letter & enclosure printed below are communicated to the Lunacy Commissioners and Presidents of the Municipal & District Boards with a request that when applying to the Court for sanction to hold Special Fairs, Balls, Shows and Exhibitions, a copy of the Petition may invariably be transmitted for the information of the Commissioners as to the Sanitary Arrangements proposed to be made on the occasion.

This is with reference to the Dewsbury case of 9th May last. ZZ

ZZ
7th June 1913

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Lunacy Commission

Letter to Commissioners & Presidents of Mun. & Dist. Boards.

Print in exclusion the Lunacy Commissioners' letter & its enclosure.

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Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,

READ—

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No. 9642-50—San. 118-12-2, dated Bangalore, 7th June 1913.

Order thereon.—The letter read above and its enclosure are printed below and communicated to the Deputy Commissioners and Presidents of the Municipal and District Boards with a request that when applying to Government for sanction to hold special jatras, cattle shows and exhibitions, a brief report may invariably be submitted for the information of Government as to the sanitary arrangements proposed to be made on the occasion.

K. R. SRINIVASIENGAR,
Secy. to Govt., Gen. & Rev. Depts.

To—The Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of Mysore.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts, and Presidents of Municipal and District Boards.

Letter No. 4401, dated the 6th May 1913, from the Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, to the Secretary to Government.

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Local Fund and Sanitary (Sanitary), dated 7th June 1913.

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Exd.—C R.